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CHAPTER: 11 HEALTH SERVICES	SUBJECT: CLINIC SPACE, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES	
APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER:		
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PURPOSE:

Sufficient supplies, equipment and space are available to provide medical, dental and mental health care.

POLICY:

1. Current medical, mental health and nursing manuals will be available for staff. At a minimum this will include a current medication reference book(s), a nursing procedure book, a current medical reference (such as Saunders Textbook of Medicine) and the most current DSM for Mental Disorders.
2. The amount of space and configuration of the room(s) needed for the care and treatment of the physical, mental health and substance abuse patients should be adequate for all providers with special consideration for needs for privacy.
3. All providers should have access to policies, regulations, and mandates relevant to mental health care in their state that apply to correctional settings.
4. The type of equipment, supplies, and materials for examination and treatment depend upon the level of health care provided.
5. Inventory lists of all equipment, materials and supplies will be maintained by the site Health Services Administrator.
6. Pharmaceuticals, medical supplies, and mobile emergency equipment are available and checked regularly.
7. There is adequate office space with administrative files, secure storage of health records and writing desks.

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8. Mental health services are provided in an area with private interview space for both individual assessment and group treatment, as well as desk, chairs, lockable file space and relevant testing materials.
9. When laboratory, radiological or other ancillary services are provided on site, the designated area is adequate to hold equipment and records.
10. When patients are placed in a waiting area for more than a brief period, the waiting area has seats and access to drinking water and toilets.
11. At a minimum, weekly inventories are maintained on items subject to abuse (e.g. syringes, needles, scissors, and other sharp instruments).
12. The facility has, at a minimum, the following equipment, supplies, and materials for the examination and treatment of patients:
 - A. hand washing facilities or appropriate alternate means of hand sanitation;
 - B. examination tables;
 - C. a light capable of providing direct illumination;
 - D. scales;
 - E. thermometers;
 - F. blood pressure monitoring equipment;
 - G. stethoscope;
 - H. ophthalmoscope;
 - I. otoscope;
 - J. transportation equipment (e.g., wheelchair, stretcher);
 - K. trash containers for biohazardous materials and sharps; and
 - L. equipment and supplies for pelvic examinations if female inmates are housed at the facility.
10. Basic equipment required for on-site dental examinations includes, at a minimum:

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- A. hand-washing facilities or appropriate alternate means of hand sanitation;
 - B. dental examination chair;
 - C. examination light;
 - D. sterilizer;
 - E. instruments;
 - F. trash containers for biohazardous materials and sharps, and
 - G. a dentist's stool.
11. The presence of a dental operatory requires the addition of at least:
- A. an x-ray unit with developing capability;
 - B. blood pressure monitoring equipment; and
 - C. oxygen.

References:

National Commission on Correctional Mental Health Care: Standards & Guidelines for Delivering Services, 2003 M-D-03.

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